

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Tulane University for a tradition of academic excellence and to designate Tuesday, May 21, 2013, as Tulane University Day at the Louisiana House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, founded in 1834, Tulane University is one of the most highly regarded and selective independent research universities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Tulane traces its origins to the Medical College of Louisiana, the deep south's second-oldest medical school, which was founded in 1834 by seven young doctors and, by 1847, had become part of the newly established University of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Tulane is the nation's only university with a School of Medicine, a School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and a National Primate Center; and

WHEREAS, Tulane has provided medical care for tens of thousands of patients at Charity Hospital and educated thousands of physicians through medical student training and residency programs at Charity and University Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2006, Tulane became the first research university in the nation to have a public service requirement for all undergraduates; and

WHEREAS, Tulane has been named by the Corporation for National and Community Service to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for an unprecedented seven consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Tulane's Center for Public Service piloted the "Together for Tomorrow" program which sends AmeriCorps VISTA members to area schools to advance community partnerships and which contributed more than 180,000 hours of service in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Tulane students have contributed 480,000 service hours to programs in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiative's AdvanceNOLA program has more than doubled the number of students taking Advanced Placement math,

science, and English courses in high schools, with more than five hundred students enrolled in such courses in 2013; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five percent of African American students in Louisiana taking Advanced Placement tests in 2012 were participants in Tulane's AdvanceNOLA program; and

WHEREAS, the Ruth U. Fertel Tulane Community Health Center has opened in the location of the original Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and provides care to those in New Orleans who are underinsured or uninsured; and

WHEREAS, Tulane is at the forefront of university-led efforts to incorporate social entrepreneurship into both academic and research programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Tulane became the first university to offer a university-wide undergraduate minor in social innovation and social entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, Tulane is New Orleans' largest private employer, with nearly six thousand employees, and is a major economic force in the region accounting for approximately \$920 million in annual economic activity and the creation of over ten thousand jobs throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the new Yulman Stadium is returning to campus after a thirty-year absence, and it will be a point of pride for Tulane and give the Green Wave a true home field advantage; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a special day to celebrate the accomplishments of Tulane University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tulane University for a tradition of academic excellence and does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 21, 2013, as Tulane University Day at the Louisiana House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of Tulane University.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES